Zonal inputs Conferences and National Conferences on Agriculture prior to the commencement of Kharif and Rabi seasons are organized. Crop production strategy has been discussed by the Agriculture Ministry with State Governments during the National Conference on Agriculture Campaign for Kharif in February, 2006.

Appointment of Chairmen of Sanskrit Vidyalayas/Vidyapeeths

†3802. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines for appointing the Chairman of Sanskrit Vidyalayas/Vidyapeeths;

(b) whether appointing the learned individuals only as Chairman has been the policy in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of Vidyalayas/Vidyapeeths wherein the persons other than Sanskrit scholars have been appointed as Chairman; and

(d) the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Sanskrit Vidyalayas/Vidyapeeths do not have the post of Chairman.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Teacher-student ratio in DCE

3803. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi College of Engineering has not been able to meet the requirement of teacher-student ratio as laid down by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) the number of students on the college rolls as on 1st April, 2006 and the actual number of teachers (excluding post graduate and Ph.D. students engaged in teaching work) as against the sanctioned strength; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps proposed to meet the stipulated requirement and by when the same is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) According to AICTE, the approved intake of Delhi College of Engineering including Under Graduate and Post Graduate students is 2852. As per the AICTE norms the faculty requirement is 190 in the ratio 1:15 of faculty to students. According to Delhi College of Engineering, their sanctioned strength of faculty is 219, out of which 119 are in position. As on 1.4.2006, a total number of 2720 students (excluding PG and Ph. D.) are on the roll of the College.

(c) The shortfall of faculty in different disciplines is being met by engaging Guest Faculty from other organizations in the concerned field. Action to fill-up the vacant posts to teacher has been initiated by Union Public Service Commission. 19 posts have already been advertised, 40 posts are expected to be advertised soon and remaining will follow. It is expected that majority of the posts shall be filled-up by the end of current financial year.

Setting up of llT research parks

3804. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up IIT research parks in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where such parks are to be set up;

(d) whether a number of State Governments have requested the Central Government for setting up of such parks;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (f) The